



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Officers seize over 600 pounds of marijuana in recent 24 hour period

Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Officers, in three separate traffic stops during a recent 24 hour period, seized over 600 pounds of marijuana in southeastern Arizona.

Two of the marijuana seizures occurred just nine hours apart. On February 5, 2009, at 8:36 a.m., a DPS officer attempted to stop a 1997 Chevrolet Suburban for unsafe lane use on State Route 83 just north of Sonoita. The vehicle fled and was later located abandoned seven miles from SR 83. Inside of the vehicle was 210 pounds of marijuana. Later that day, at 5:47 p.m., a DPS officer stopped a 2004 Ford Taurus on Interstate 10 westbound near Texas Canyon for a traffic violation. Two occupants fled on foot. Located inside of the vehicle was 242 pounds of marijuana.

Then on February 6, 2009, at 6:00 a.m., a DPS officer stopped a 1997 Pontiac on Interstate 10 westbound near Benson for tailgating. The two occupants fled on foot. Located inside of the vehicle was 150 pounds of marijuana.

Efforts are underway to locate the suspects.

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